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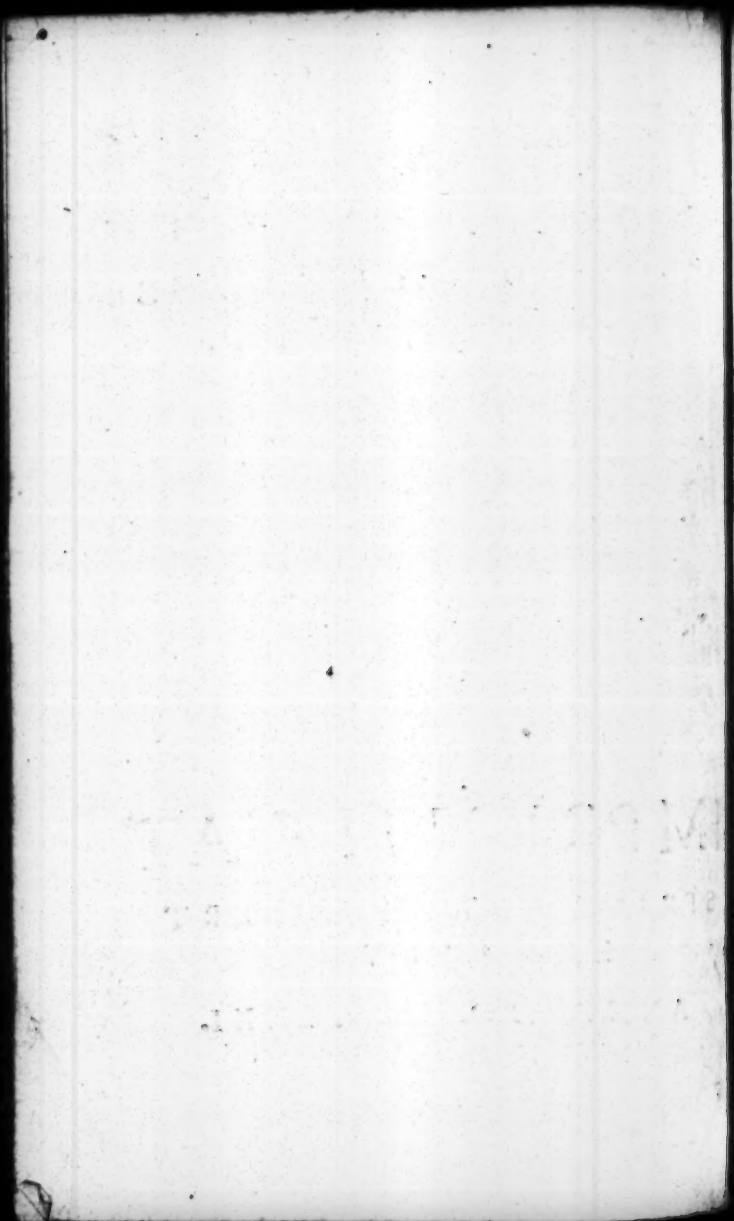


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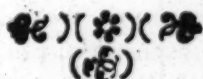
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I may seme to zour Lord-  
schippis, yat I melling with  
heich materis of gouernig  
of commoun welthis, do  
pas myne estait, being of sa  
meane qualitie, and forzet  
tis my dewtie, geuing coun-  
sell to the wyselt of this  
Realme. Not the les seing the miserie sa greit  
appeiring, and ye calamitie sa neir approching,  
I thocht it les fault, to incur the cryme of sur-  
mounting my priuate estate, then the blame of  
neglecting the publict danger. Thairfor I che-  
re rather to vnderly the opinoun of presump-  
toun in speiking, then of tressoun in silence, &  
specially of sic thingis, as euin seme presently to  
adound to the perpetuall schame of zour lord-  
schippis distructioun of this Royall estate, and  
myne of the haill commoun welth of Scotland.  
On this considderatioun i haue takin in hadd at  
this time to aduertise zour honouris of sic thin-

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gis as I thocht to appertene, baith to zour lordschippis in speciall, and in generall to the haill communitie of this Realme, in punitioun of traitouris, pacificatioun of troublis amangis zour selfis, and continuatioun of peice with our nichtbouris. Of the quhilk I haue takin the trauell to wryte and do remit the Iudgement to zour discretioun, hoiping at leist, yat althocht my wit & foirsicht fall not satisfie zow, zit my gude will fall not displeis zow, of quhilk aduertisement ye summe is this.

¶ First to confidder how godly the actioun is quhilk zow haue in hand, to wit, the defence of zour King ane Innocent pupill, the stablisching of Religioun, punitioun of theifis and tratouris, and maintenance of peice and quyetnes amangis zour selfis, and with forrane Natiounis.

Item remember how zow haue vindicat this Realme, from the thraldome of strangeris, out of domestik tyrannie, and out of a publict dishonour in ye sight of all forrane natioūis, we being altogidder estemit a pepil murrherars of Kingis and impacient of Lawis and ingraitis, in respect of the murther of the lait King Henry, within the wallis of the principall Towne, the greatest of the Nobilitie being present with the Quene for the tyme, and be zour power ane part of the cheif



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cheif Tratoris tryed from amangis the trew subiectis, quhairby strangeris wer constrainit efterwart as mekle to praise zour iustice, as of befor thay wrangfully condempnit zour Iniustice

¶ Item remember how far in doing the same ze haue obliscit zour selfis befor the haill warld, to continew in the same vertew of Iustice, and quhat blame ze sall incur, gif ze be inconstant. For all men can beleif na vtherwyse, gif ye time following be not conforme to the tyme past, yat nouthier honour nor commoun welth steirit zow vp then, bot rather sum particular tending to zour priuate commoditie.

Also remember how mony gentil and honest meanis zow haue socht, in tymes past to caus ye King be acknowlegit, and the countrie put at rest, and how vnprofitabill hes bene zour honestie in treiting, zour vailzeand curage in weir, zour mercifulnes in victorie, zour clemencie in punisshing, and facilitie in reconciliatioun.

Quhilk thingis witnessis sufficiently, that ze esteemit na man Enemie that wald leif in peice, vnder the Kingis authoritie, that ze wer neuer desyrous of blude, geir, nor honour of sic as wald nor, rather in making of troubill and seditioun, declair yame selfis Enemeis to God & ye Kingis Maiestie, nor leif in concord and amitie

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With thair nichtbouris vnder the correctioun of  
Iustice.

And sen ze can nouthir bow their obstinate  
hicht with pacience, nor mease thair stubburne  
hartis with gentilnes, nor satisfie thair inordinat  
desyris, vtherwyse then with the Kingis blude  
and zouris, the distructioun of Religioun, bani-  
sching of Iustice, and fre permissioun of crueltie  
and misfordour, zour wisdomes may easely con-  
sider quhat kynd of medicine, is not only meit  
bot als wa necessair, for mending of sic ane Ma-  
lidie.

And to the effect that ze may the better con-  
sider this necessitie of Medicine, remember  
quhat kynd of pepill thay ar, yat professis yame  
selfis in deid, and dissemblis in worde to be En-  
emeis to God, to Iustice and to zow, becaus ze  
mantene the Kingis actioun.

Sum of thame ar conseillaris of the King his  
fatheris slauchter, sum conuoyaris of him to the  
schambles, that slew his Grandschir, banished  
his father, & not satisfyit to haue slane him self,  
murtherit the Kingis Regent, and now seikis his  
awin blude, that thay may fulfill thair crueltie  
and avarice being Kingis, quhilk thay begouth  
to exercise the tyme of thair gouerning.

Vtheris ar, that being alliat nor neir of kyn to  
ye

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ye hammiltounis, thinkis to be participant of all  
thair prosperitie and succes.

Vtheris being gyltie of King Henryis deith,  
in ye first parliamēt haldin in the Kingis Regne  
that now is, could weill accord, that the Quene  
sould haue bene put to deith als wa.

And seing thay could not obtene that point,  
the nixt schift of thair impietic was to put down  
the King, that he sould not rest to reuenge his  
Fatheris deith, quhilk thay thocht could not be  
mair easilie done, then be bringing hame the  
Quene with sic a husband, that outhir for auld  
hairrent, or for new couatice, wald desyre the  
first degre of succession to be of his awin blude.

Sum vtheris ar practisit in casting of Courtis,  
& reuoluing of estatis, be raissing of ciuile weir,  
and ar becum richer nor euer thay hoipit, and  
becaus thay haue found the practise sa gude in  
tyme past, now thay seik all wayis to continew  
it, and hauing anis gustit how gude fisching it  
is in drumly watteris, thay can be na maner leif  
the craft.

Vtheris of that factioun ar, sum papistis, sum  
seynit protestantis, that hes na God bot geir, &  
desyris agane the papistrie, not for luif yai beir  
to it (for yai ar scorneris of all Religioun) bot  
hoiping to haue promotioun of idle belleis to

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benefices, & lamentis the present estait, quhair  
(as thay say) Ministeris gettis all, and leis na  
thing to gude fellowis, and to this intent thay  
wald set vp the Quenis authoritie say thay.  
Sum thair be also that vnder cullour of seiking  
the Quenis authoritie, thinkis to eschaip the pu  
nischment of auld faultis, and haue licence in  
tyme to cum to oppres thair nichtbouris, yat be  
febiller not thay.

Now haue I to schaw zow be coniecture, quhat  
frute is to be hoipit of an assembly of sic men, as  
for the maist pairt ar of insatiabill gredynes, in  
tollerabill arrogance, without faith in promeis,  
measure in couatice, pietie to the inferiour, obe  
dience to the superiour, in peice desyrous of  
troubill, in weir thristie of blude, nuryseris of  
thift, raissaris of Rebellioun; counfallouris of  
Tratouris, Inuenteris of tressoun, with hand red  
die to Murther, mynd to dissaif, hart voyde of  
treuth and full of fellonie, tounge trampit in dis  
saif, and word extending to fals practise without  
veritie, be quhilk properteis and mony vtheris  
thairunto Ioynit as is knawin to all men, ze yat  
vnderstandis thair beginning, progres and hail  
lyse, may easilie remember, to quhome this ge  
nerall speiking appertenis in speciall, and als it is  
not vnknawin to sic as knawis ye personis, how  
they

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thay ar mellit with godles personis, papistis, har  
lot protestantis, commoun brybouris, haly in  
worde, Hypocritis in hart, proude contempners  
or Machiouill mōckeris of all Religioun & ver-  
tue, bludie bouchouris and oppin oppressouris,  
fortifieris of theifis and manteneris of tratouris.

It is als wa necessarie to zour Lordschippis to  
vnderstand thair pretence, that gif it be a thing  
whilk may stand with the tranquillitie of the  
commoun welth, zour Lordschippis may in sum  
paitt, rather condescend to thair inordinate lust,  
nor put the haill estait in Ieopardie of battell.

First it is not honour, riches, nor authoritie yat  
thay desyre, for thay haue had, and als hes pre-  
sentlie, and may haue in time to cum sic paitt of  
all thay thingis, as a priuait man may haue in yis  
Realme, not being chargeabil to ye countrie, or  
nor suspectit to ane King, as vnassurit of his aw-  
ne estait.

It is not the delyuerance of the Quene that  
thay seik, as thair doingis contrair to yair word  
testifeis manifestlie, for gif thay wald haue hir  
delyuerit, thay wald haue procurit be all menis  
possibill, the Quene of Inglandis fauour & sup-  
port, in quha is power ye haill recouerance stuid  
only, and not offendit hir sa heichly as yai haue  
done, and daylie dois in participatioun of ye cō

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spyrít tressou, to put hir maiestie not only out of hir stait, bot out of yis lyfe present, nor in resetting and mantening of hir Rebellis contrair to promeis and solempne contract of pacificatioun betuix thir twa Realmes, nouthir zit haue hostidit furth, proude and vncircumspect zoung mé, to hery, burne, and slay, & tak presoneris in hir Realme, and vse all misfordour and crueltie, not onlie vfit in weir, bot detestabill to all barbar & vile Tartaris, in slaying of presoneris & contrair to all humanitie and iustice, keip na promeis to miserabill catiues ressaifit anis to thair mercy, & all this was done be cōmandiment of sic as sayis thay seik the Quenis deliuerance, and reprochit to thame be the doaris of thay mischeifis, saying that thay enterit thame in danger, and supportis thame not in mister, sa mekle as to cū to Lawder and luik from thame, in quhilk deserting of yair Collegis, thay schew crueltie ioynit with falshheid, and maist heich tressoun aganis ye Quene, pretending in word hir delyuerance, and stopping in wark hir recouerance, the quhilk as euerie man may cleirly se thay socht, as he that socht his wyfe drownit in the Riuer aganis the streime.

It is not the Quenis authoritie that thay wald set vp in hir absence, for gif that war thair intention,

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oun, quhome can thay place in it mair freindly  
 hir then hir onlie Sone, or quhat Gouvernour  
 may thay put to him les suspect, nor sic men as  
 na pretens of successioun to the Crowne, or  
 ay hoip of proffeit to cum to thame efter his  
 death, or thay that euer hes bene trew seruandis  
 to Kingis befor him, suld thay not be preferrit  
 to his paternall enemeis, zea, and slayeris of his  
 father, and sollicitaris of strangeris to seik his  
 innocent blude.

Quhat then fall we think that thir men seikis  
 under pretence of the Quenis authoritie, seing  
 thay can not bring hame the Quene to set vp  
 hir, nor will not suffer the King lauchfully In-  
 augurat and confirmit be decreit of Parliament,  
 to bruik it, with sa mony of his Tutouris chosin  
 to his Mother, as ar not to be suspectit to will  
 do him harme, I traist it is not vneaisie to persais be  
 thair haill progres now presently and in tyme  
 past, that thay desyre na vther thing bot the  
 death of ye King and Quene of Scotland, to set  
 up the Hammiltounis in authoritie, to ye quhilk  
 thay haue aspyrit be craftie meanis thir fyftie  
 yris ago. And seing thair purpos succedit not  
 be craftie and secreit meanis, now thay follow  
 the same traide conioyning to falsheid, oppin  
 wickednes. ¶ And that ze may se quhat meanis



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thay haue vsit, thir fyftie zeiris bypast, to set vpon  
be craft this authoritie, quhilk now thay seik be  
violence, force, and tressoun, I will call to your  
memorie sum of thair practisis, quhilk mony of  
you may remember as weill as I.

First efter the deith of King Iames the Fourth,  
Iohne Duke of Albany chosin be the Nobilitie  
to gouerne in the Kingis les age. The Hammiltounis  
thinking that he had bene als wickit as  
thay, and sould to his awin aduancement put  
down the King being of tender age for the time  
and be the deceis of his brother left alone, and  
that thay wald easilie get thair hand bezond ye  
Duke, being ane stranger and without successi-  
oun of his body, held thame quyet for a season,  
thinking that vther menis actioun sould be yair  
promotioun, bot seing yat the Duke as a prince  
baith wyse & verteous, to bring him self out of  
sic suspitioun, put four lordis estemit of ye maist  
trewe and verteous in Scotland in that tyme to  
attend on the Kingis grace, to wit, The Erle  
Merchell, the Lordis Erskyn, Ruthuen, & Bor-  
thick. The Hammiltounis being out of hoip of  
the Kingis putting down be the Duke of Alba-  
ny, and out of credeit to do him ony harme be  
thame selfis, maid ane conspyracie with certane  
Lordis, to put the said Duke out of authoritie, &



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 Set vpon it on thame selfis, that all thingis put in yair  
 power thay micht vse the King and ye Realme  
 yair awin plesure. To that effect thay tuik ye  
 Castell of Glasgow, and thair maid ane assembly  
 of thair factioun, the quhilk was dissoluit be the  
 iustie cumming of ye Duke of Albany with an  
 Armie, for feir of the quhilk the Erle of Arrane  
 cheif of that company, fled to his wyfis brother  
 the Lord Hume, being then out of Court.

The secund conspiracie was efter the Dukis  
 departing (ye foirsaidis Lordis separat from  
 attending on the King) deuysit be Schir James  
 Hammiltoun bastard sone to the said Erle of  
 Arrane, quha conspyrit the Kingis deith then  
 being in his hous in ye Abbay of Halyruidhous.  
 quhilk conspiracie efter mony zeiris reueillit,  
 ye said Schir James sufferit deith for it. This cō-  
 spiracie not being execute, Schir James perseue  
 in his euill intentioun, and be secreit meanis  
 in Court socht alwayis that the King should not  
 Mary, that for laik of his successioun, the Ham-  
 miltounis micht cum to thair intentis. For the  
 King was zoung, lusty, & reddy to auenture his  
 person to all hasardis, baith be sey and land, in  
 coun putting of theifis, and vpssetting of Iustice.  
 The Hāmiltounis luikit on quhē seiknes, throw  
 excessse of trauell, or sum vther rakles auenture

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sould cut him of without children, and destitute of this hoip, first he stoppit the Kingis meting with his Vncle ye King of Ingland, quha at yat tyme hauing bot ane douchter, was willing to haif maryit hir with ye king of Scotlād, & maid him King of the haill Ile efter him, and to haue enterit him at that presēt tyme in possiōn of ye Duchy of Zorke, bot the said Schir Iames euer hauing Eye to his awin scope, hinderit this purpois be sum of the Kingis familiaris, that he had practisit with be giftis, and speciallie be the Bishop of Sanctandros Iames Betoun, vncle to ye Erle of Arranis Mother, & greit Vncle to Schir Iames wyfe, and raisit sic suspitioun betuix the twa Kingis, that brocht baith the Realmes in greit besynes.

This purpois as said is put abak, the King seeing that his Ambassadouris furtherit not at his plesure, delyuerit him self in persoun to ga be sey in France, and Schir Iames Hāmiltoun persevering in his former intentiōn went with him to hinder his mariage, be all menis yat he micht, and to that effect, the King sleiping in the Schip without ony necessitie of wynde and wedder, schir Iames causit the Marineris to turne sail of the west coist of Ingland bakwart and land in Galloway, quhair the King was verray miscon-

tent

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gent with Schir James & Maister David Panter,  
principall causeris of his returing, as diuers yat  
was in the Schip zit lewing can report. And fra  
that tyme furth, the King hauing tryit out his  
pretence, and persaifing his vnfaithfull deilling  
neuer disfaourit him, and to his greit displeure  
faourit oppinlie the Erle of Lennox & his fre-  
indis in his absence, the quhilk Erle pretendit a  
richt and tytill to the haill Erldome of Arrane,  
the present Erle for that tyme being knawin to  
be bastard, as also it was in menis recent memo-  
rie how Schir James Hammiltoun had cruellie  
slaine the Erle of Lennox at Linlythgow, euin  
to ye greit displeure of the Erle of Arranes Fa-  
ther to Schir James, and Vncle to the Erle of  
Lennox, cumming by the Kingis commandimēt  
to Linlythgow. Sa the King as said is, vnder-  
standing the priuate prettick of Schir James, in  
keiping him vnmaryit, haistit him the mair cir-  
cellie to Mary, to the effect, that his successiō  
nicht put ye Hammiltounis out of hoip of yair  
intent, and him out of danger be the Hammil-  
tounis. And albeit that Schir James to mak him  
self clene of that suspitioun, socht mony diueris  
wayis to the distructioun of the Erle of Arrane  
his brother, zit he could neuer conqueis the  
Kingis fauour, vntill finallie he was executit for

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tressoun, and tuik ane miserabill end conforme  
to his vngodly lyfe.

The King at last deceisit, & leping ane douch-  
ter of sex dayis auld, the Hammiltounis thocht  
all to be thairis. For then the Erle of Arrane a  
young man of small wit and greit inconstancie,  
was set vp be sum of the Nobilitie, and sum fa-  
miliar seruandis of ye Kingis laitly deceisit, for  
thay thocht him mair tollerabill then the Car-  
dinall Betoun, quha be ane fals Instrument had  
takin the supreme authoritie to him self.

The Erle of Arrane namit Gouvernour, be ane  
priuait factioun, and fauourit be sa mony as pro-  
fessit the trew Religioun of Christ, becaus he  
was beleisit then to be of the same, howbeit he  
was gentill of nature, zit his freindis for ye maist  
part, wer gredie baith of geir and bluid, and ge-  
uin to Iniustice quhair gayne followit. Thair  
was in his tyme nathing ellis, bot weir, oppres-  
sioun, and brybing of his callit brother ye Bis-  
chop of Sanctandrois, sa that all the Estatis wer  
werie of him, and dischargit him of his office, &  
chargeit with it ane woman strangear.

In the beginning of his gouernment, ye Quene  
and hir Mother wer keipit be him, rather lyke  
presoneris nor Princessis, bot zit that incommo-  
ditie was caus of preseruing of the Quenis lyfe,  
he be-

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he beleifing to mary hir on his Sone. Bot efter  
the Erle of Lennox had delyuerit thame out of  
his handis, and ye Nobilitie had refufit to Mary  
hir on his Sone, howbeit he left his ferme frein-  
dis, and come to the Quene, abiurit his Religi-  
on in the gray freiris of Striuling, zit he could  
neuer cum agane to his pretendit clymmyng to  
the Crowne, quhilk he had lang focht, partly be  
amour of sic of the Nobilitie as wer alliat with  
him, and partly be distructioun of the ancient  
houses that micht haue put impediment to his  
unreasonabill ambitiou. For hauing banisit ye  
Erle of Lennox, he thocht the Erle of Angous  
to be the principall that micht resist him, & ha-  
uing enterit in Waird Schir George Dowglas,  
to be zit mair assurit, he send for the said Erle  
of Angous in freindly maner, & put him in pre-  
son without ony Iust occasioun, and wald haif  
beheidit yame baith, gif ye arryuing of ye Ing-  
lis Army had not stayit his purpois, be ye quhilk  
and feir of the murmour of the pepill, he was  
constranit to delyuer thame. And seing he durst  
not at sic a tyme put thame downe be tyrannie,  
he offerit thame to the sword of the Enemie to  
be slane be thame. And to the effect, that thay  
and thair freindis, hauing put abak the Inglis  
horfemen, and ressauiing ane yther charge, micht

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be the mair easily slaine, thay standing in battell  
& fechting for him, he in ye battell behind fled  
to tyne thame, and sa thir Nobill men sa far as  
lay in him was slane, and preseruit be the prou-  
dée of God.

The zounge Quene quhilk being in hir Mo-  
theris keiping, he micht not put down, nor ma-  
ry at his plesure, he consentit to offer hir to the  
stormes of the sey, and danger of Enemeis, and  
sauld hir as a slaiue in France, for the Duchy of  
Chastellarault, the quhilk he bruike in Name  
onlie, as the Crowne of Scotland in fantasie, &  
ressauit sic price for hir as tressoun, periurie, and  
the selling of fre persounis sould be recopenit  
with. Bot zit the couatise of the Crowne yat he  
had sauld ceisit not heir, for befoir hir returng  
hame out of France, at the troubillis quhilk be-  
gan anent the repressing of the Frenchemen &  
tyrannie aganis the Religioun, how mony mei-  
nis socht the Hámiltounis to haue depryuit hir  
of all richt, and translatit the Crowne to thame  
seis, is knawin baith to Scotland and Ingland.  
¶ Also efter the Quenis arryuing in Scotland,  
scho seiking a querrell aganis the said Duike  
and sum vther Lordis, vnder pretence that thay  
had conspyrit against hir, for the Religiounis  
caus, the Duikis freindis left him all, becaus that  
the

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the rest of ye Lordis wald not cōsent to destroy the Quene, or derogat hir authoritie be ony manner of way. A lytell befoir the quhilk tyme, the occasioun of the Duikis conspiracie, with the Erle Bothwell to slay the Erle of Murray in Falkland, was na vther, bot becaus the said Erle of Murray leuing, yai could nouthir do ye said Quene harme in hir persoun, nor diminische hir authoritie, nor constrane hir to Mary at thair pleasure, and to hir vtter displeasure.

After that the Quene had Maryit with him, whome thay estemit thair auld Enemye, & was with chylde, the gude Bischop of Sanctandros first callit Cuninghame, estemit Cowane, and at last Abbōt Hammiltoun, not onlie conspyrit with the Erle Bothwell, bot come with the Quene to Glasgou, and conuoyit the King to ye place of his murther, the Bischop being iudgeit as he was feildou or neuer of befoir quhair he might persais the pleasure of that crueltie with all his sensis, and help the murtheraris, gif mister had bene, and send four of his familiar seruandis to the executioun of the murther, watching all ye night, and thinking lang to haue the Ioy of the summing of the Crowne a degre neirer to the bos of Hammiltoun, and sa greit hoip mellit with ambitiou inflamit his hart. for the Kingis



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deceit, that within schort tyme he beleuit first-  
 lie his callit brother to be King, and he (the said  
 Bischop) to be to him as Curatour during the  
 haill tyme of his nonwit, quhilk had bene a lan-  
 ger teirme yan Witsonday or Martymes, for he  
 thocht vndoutitlie, yat the Erle Bothwell sould  
 distroy the zoung Prince, & not suffer him pro-  
 sper to reuenge his Fatheris deith, and preceid  
 the Erlis children in successioun of the Crowne,  
 and the zoung Prince anis cut of, the Bischop  
 maid his rekning, that the Quene and the Erle  
 Bothwell hatit alreddy for the slauchter of the  
 King hir husband, and mair for the Innocent,  
 wer easie to be distroyit with cōsent of all esta-  
 tis, and the cryme easie to ye Bischop to be pro-  
 uit, quha knew all the secreitis of the haill dis-  
 seigne, or gif thay wald slay the Erle Bothwell  
 & spair ye Quene. Thay wer in hoip scho sould  
 Mary Iohne Hammiltoun the Duikis Sone,  
 quhome with merie luikis and gentill counte-  
 nance (as scho could weill do) scho had enterit  
 in the pastyme of the Glaikis, and causit ye rest  
 of the Hammiltounis to fon for fainnes. Bot af-  
 ter that the Erle Bothwell had refusit battell at  
 Carbarry hill, & the Quene befor the cūming  
 of the Hammiltounis, come to the Lordis, the  
 Hammiltounis as that tyme disapointit fostert  
 thair



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thair vane hoip with a merie dreame, that the Quene sould be punischt efter hir demeritis, & wer a tyme in dowbill Ioy, the ane that being red of the Quene scho sould not heir ma children to debar thame from the Crowne, and the other, that thay micht haue ane easie way to calumniat ye Regent for distroying of ye Quene, bot seing hir keipit, thay blamit oppinlie ye Regent, quha keipit hir in stoir in dispite of thame (as thay said) to be a stude to cast ma foillis, to hinder them of the successioun of the Crowne, sit for all that, thair wald nane of thame cum to Parliamēt to further yair desyre with ane ane-ber vote, bot lay bak to keip thame selfis at libertie, to repruif all that sould be done in that convention, & to fenze fauour towardis ye Quene whome thay haittit, sa as gif be consent of the Lordis or vtherwise scho wer delyuerit, thay micht help hir to put down the Lordis, yat wald not put hir down in fauour of thame.

This thair intencion was oppinlie schawit, when the Quene being keipit in Lochleuin, be commandement of the hail Parliament, was delyuerit be conspyracie of sum priuat men, especiallie of the Hammiltounis, for thay assemblit all thair forces to put down the young King and Lordis obedient to him. Quhilk euill will thay

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schew towardis the Lordis at ye Langsyde, bring-  
ing with thame greit stoir of Cordis, to murder  
and hang thame, gif thay had bene takin preso-  
neris and the victorie fallin to the Hāmtounis,  
& the same euil will towardis the King in keep-  
ing the watter of Forthe, that he sould not es-  
chaip yair cruell hādis, being assurit gif he come  
in the Quene of Englandis power, that scho of  
hir accustomat clemēcie and kyndnes of blude,  
wald not abandoun him to thair vnmercyfull  
crueltie experimentit alreddy in his father. And  
seing that the prouidence of God had cloisit ye  
dure to all thair wickitnes at that tyme, yai haif  
neuer ceissit since to seik Enemeis to his Grace  
in all strange Natiounis, and persauing that thay  
had fair wordis of all vtheris, except of ye Que-  
nis Maiestie of Iugland, quha vnderstude thay  
fals and tressonabil deilling, thay turnit yair ha-  
trent aganis hir, and enterit in conspyracie with  
sum tratouris of Iugland, that wer als euill myn-  
dit towardis the Quenis maiestie yair Souerane,  
as the Hammiltounis wer to ye Kingis hienes of  
Scotland. This is nouthre dremitt in wardrop,  
nor hard throw a boir, bot a trew narratiue, of  
quhilk the memorie is ludgeit in mennis hartis,  
baith Scottis and strangeris & the veritie knaw-  
in. Be the quhilk ze may vnderstand the Ham-  
miltounis

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miltounis pretence thir fyftie zeiris and mair.

Efter sa mony wayis socht be yame to distroy the richt successioun, and place thame in the Kinglie Rowme, seing all thair practisis could not availl, and thair forces wer not sufficient, thay socht to agment thair factioun, adioyning to thame all, that wer participant of the Kingis slauchter, and had aspyrit to slay the Quene of Ingland. And to the effect thay micht cum to thair wickit purpois, thay in a maner displayit a baner, to assemble togidder all kynde of wickit men, as papistis, renegat protestantis, rheisis, traitouris, murtheraris, and oppin oppressouris. As for yair adherentis in Scotland I neid not to expreme thair namis, nor the qualiteis of the conspiratouris of Ingland, for thay ar weill aneuch knowin to zour Lordschippis. Zit ane I can not ouerpas, being ye cheif conspiratour chosin be thame to be King of Scotland and Ingland, I mene the Duik of Norfolk, in quhilk as ze may se how the thrift of zour blude blindit thame aganis thair awin vilitie. First thay cheisit the principall Enemye of the Religion of Christ in this Ile, accompaniit with vther fylthie Idolaters, to change the stait of the Kirk in baith Realmes be cutting of the twa Princes, seing yat thair authoritie standing, ye conspiratouris could

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¶ Gif this thrust of blude of thay Lochlechis, might be impute to haillie hounger or ony sudden motioun, quhillk causis men sum tymes to forzet thair dewtie, thair might zit be sum hope yet sic a passioun ouerpast, thay wald with time remember thame selfis, and efter power amend faultis past, or at leist abstene in tyme to cum. Bot thair is na sic humanitie in thair nature, nor

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na sic pietie in thair hartis, for not content with  
ane Kingis blude, thay gaip for his Sonnis mur-  
ther, not satisfiit to haue slane the Regent, thay  
keipit the murtherar in the Duikis hous in Ar-  
rane. Maist lyke thinking, as gif thay honourit  
not the doar, thay sould not be knawin as con-  
fallouris of the deid, and wald tyne the gloir of  
that Nobill act. And besydes all this thay ar not  
onlie contentit to mantene scottis tratouris, bot  
alswa ressaifis Inglis tratouris, and settis vp a sac-  
tuarie of tressoun, a refuge of Idolatrie, a recep-  
tacle of theifis and murtheraris.

And howbeit the bullerant blude of a King  
and a Regent about yair hartis, quhair of ye lult  
in thair appetie geuis thame lytill rest, daylie &  
hourlie making new prouocatioun, zit the small  
space of rest, quhilk thay haue besyde the exe-  
cutioun of yair crueltie, thay spend in deuyfing  
of generall vnquyetnes, throw the haill coutrie,  
for not content of it, that thay thame selfis may  
steill, brybe, & reis, yai set out ratches on euerie  
syde, to gnaw the pepillis bainis, efter that thay  
haue consumit the flesche, and hountis out, ane  
of thame, the Clangregour, ane vther ye Gracie  
and Clauchattan, ane vther Balcleuch and Fair-  
nyherst, ane vther the Lohnstounis and Armo-  
strangis, and sic as wald be haldin the halyest a-  
mangis



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amangis thame, schew plainlie the effectioun yai  
had to baneis peice and steir vp troublis, quhen  
they bendit all thair fyue wittis, to stop the Re-  
gent to go first north, and syne south, to puneis  
thrift and oppressioun, and quhen thay saw, that  
thair counsall wes not authorisit, in geuing im-  
unitie to all misdordour, thay spend it in put-  
ting downe of him that wald haue put all in  
gude ordour.

Thair is a kynd of thair theifis euin odious to  
hair gentill theifis, quhilk calling thame selfis  
greit gentilmen spoyllis trauellaris, cadgearis, &  
chapmen be the way, and ransounis pure men a-  
bout Ediburgh for xx. schilling the heid, quhilk  
rice can not proceid of vengeance of Enemeis,  
bot rather of luif and plesure in wickitnes. This  
kynd of men dois not onlie dishonour to Nobi-  
lie in steilling, and to theifis in purspyking, bot  
also to the haill Natioun of Scotland, geuing  
opinioun to strangeris, yat sum of the Scottis be  
of sa law courage, that men amangis thame as-  
pyring, to the hiest estait of a Kingdome, hes  
crouchit thame selfis in the maist lawe ordoure  
of knaifis.

¶ Now my Lordis ze may consider, how yai  
that slayis sa cruellie Kingis and thair Lieuten-  
antis, will be mercyfull to zow, and quhe thay

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fill haue put zow downe, that craisis reuenge of  
 the Kingis blude, ze may vnderstand how few  
 dar craif iustice of zour slaughter. Ze may se  
 how cruell thay will be in oppressioun of the  
 pure, hauing cut of zow, quhilk being of maist  
 Nobil and potent housis of this Realme, sufferis  
 throw zour sleuthfulnes euerie pairt of this cot-  
 trie, to be maid worse nor Liddisdail, or Ann-  
 derdail, and not onlie sufferis ye purspykaris of  
 Cliddisdail, to exercise thift and reif as a craft,  
 bot nuris and authoris amangis zow, ye cheif  
 counsellaris of all misfordour, as ane Edder in  
 zour bosum. Of all this ze may lay the wyte  
 on na vther bot vpon zour selfis, that hes suffi-  
 ent power to repres thair insolencie and proud-  
 nes, hauing in zour hand the same wand that ze  
 haif chaistit thame with of befor, for ze haue  
 zour protectour the same God this zeir, yat was  
 the zeiris bypast, vncchangeabill in his eternall  
 counsellis, constant in promeis, potent in puni-  
 sing, and liberal in rewarding, ze haue zour trew  
 freindis and seruandis that wer with zow of be-  
 for, ze ar delyuerit of dissimulat brether, that  
 had thair bodyis with zow, and yair hartis with  
 zour Enemeis, that subscriuit with zow, & tulk  
 remissioun of zour aduersaris, that stuide with  
 zow in battell, lukiing for occasioun to betray

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Now, had not God bene zour protectour, ze haif  
 greit nūber of new freindis alienat from yame,  
 for thair manifest iniquitie in deid, wickitnes in  
 worde, and tressoun in hart, ze haue of the same  
 Enemeis that ze had then sa mony, as hes thair  
 hartis herdinnit, and thair myndis bent aganis  
 God and law ful ingraitis, ze haue the same acti-  
 on, that ze had then, accumulat with recent  
 murther and tressoun, to prouoke the Ire of the  
 Eternall aganis thame, how far God hes blindit  
 thame, blind men may se, that hauing sa euil ane  
 actioun, and sa mony Enemeis at hame, zit be  
 hounding out of small tratouris of thair wickit  
 conspyracie, men execrable to thair awin paren-  
 tis, quhomé amangis vtheris thay haue diueris  
 tymes spoylit, be hounding out I say of sic per-  
 iounis, to burne, murther, reis, and steill. Thay  
 prouoik the Quenis Maiestie of Ingland, to seik  
 vengeance of thair oppressioun aganis hir Re-  
 alme and subiectis, quhilk vengeance Iustice &  
 honour craifis of hir sa instantlie, that scho can  
 not ceis bot persew thame, thair ressettaris and  
 mantenaris, vntil scho gif sic exempil to vtheris,  
 that althocht thay will not respect vertew, zit  
 for feir of punitioun thay sall be content to leif  
 in peice with nichtbouris, quhairin hir heichnes  
 has alreddie renewit the memorie of hir experi-

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mentit liberality, and tender luif to this Nation;  
seiking on hir proper charges and trauell of hir  
subiectis, ye punitioun of sic, as we on our char-  
ges sould haue punisit, I mene not onlie of our  
Tratouris, bot als wa ressettaris of hir Maiesties  
Tratouris, and in doing of yis seikis pacificatioun  
amangis thame that violatit peice with hir with-  
out prouocatioun, seuering the punischement of  
sic as ar gyltie in offending, from the subiectis  
that hes not violatit the peice. And as scho ke-  
pis peice and Iustice amangis hir awin subiectis  
in Ingland, sa vnrequyrit scho offerit support to  
the same end in Scotland, and not onlie geuis re-  
medie to our presēt calamiteis, bot cuttis ye root  
of troublis to cum, & preuenis the wickit counsil  
of sic, as prouoikis Inglismen, and solistis French  
men to cum in this Realme, to the end, yat thir  
twa Natiounis enterit in barres, the ane aganis  
the vther, thay may faciat thair cruell hartis of  
blude, thair obstinat wil of vengeance, yair both-  
mules couatie of spoyle and thift.

Thairfoir seing God hes sa blindit zour Ene-  
meis wittis, my Lordis be in gude hope that he  
fall als wa cast the spreit of feir and disperatioun  
in thair indurat hartis, and prosper zour gude  
actioun, to the quhilk he confortis zow with his  
reddy help, exhortis zow be his word, and con-  
strainis

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mainis zow be the dewtie of zour estait, & necessitie of preserving of zour lyfis & honouris. For promeis being neglectit, aith violatit, subcription set at nocht, thair is na meane way left for outhir to do or suffer, and seing that baith miserabill amangis sic, as sould be freindis, zit better it is to slay Iustice nor to be slane wrangillie. For the executioun of Iustice in punisshing the wickit is approuit be God and mā, & sleuth salnes in defence of Iustice can not be excusit of tressoun. And besydes that God schawis him self mercyfull and liberall to zow, in sending zow freindis be procuring of zour Enemeis, als wa the persoun is maist recommendit of God craisis the same, for saikles blude, oppressioun of the pore, and of the fatherles, cryis continually to the heuin for auengance, quhilk God cōmittis to zour handis as his Lieutenentis and speciall officiaris in that pairt, and euin as he rewairdis faith and diligence in obedience of his eternall will, sa he wil not neglect to punishe sleuthfulness in iust executioun of his commandementis.

¶ Thairfoir my Lordis, as ze wald that God sould remeber on zow and zour posteritie, quhē thay sall call on him in thair necessitie, remeber on zour King our Souerane, & on my Lord Regentis pupillis, cōmittit to zow in tutorie be the

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Decon of zour office and estait, anent person  
that ar not in age nor power to help yame self  
and ar recommendit speciallie to all Christian  
be God in his holy Scripture, and defend sic in  
nocent creaturis, as may nouthar do nor spe  
for thame selfis, frō the crueltie of vnmerciful  
Wotfis, neglect not ye occasioun, nor refuse  
the help send to zow be God, bot recogn  
thankfullie his fauour towardis zow, that caus  
zour Enemeis to procure zour help, neglect  
the offer of freindis, in cais gif ze lat slip this  
easoun, ze sal craif it in vane in zour necess  
Think it na les prouydence of zour heuynly fa  
ther, than gif he had send zow ane Legioun of  
Angellis in zour defence, and remember that he  
schew him self neuer mair freindfull and soc  
curable, to na pepill than he hes done to  
zow, and traist weill gif ze will perse  
ueir, in obedience and recogni  
cence of his grace, he wil mul  
tiplic his benefitis to zow  
and zour posteritie, and  
fall neuer leif zow,  
vntill ze forzet  
him first.

¶ F. I. N. I. S.

